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SUBJECT: COUNTRY COMMERCIAL PROGRAM (CCP) VISIT USA

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- 1. THE SUGGESTIONS IN THE REFERENCED TELEGRAM RELATING TO VISIT USA ARE NOTED, AND WILL BE GIVEN FULL WEIGHT DURING THE DISCUSSIONS IN CANBERRA.
- 2. THE POST AGREES THAT THE VISIT USA PROGRAM IS AN IMPORTANT PRESENT CONTRIBUTOR TO THE US BALANCE OF PAYMENTS, AND HAS GREAT POTENTIAL FOR EXPANSION. WE ALSO AGREE THAT THE VISIT USA COMMITTEES IN AUSTRALIA ARE WORKING HARD AND EFFECTIVELY, AND RECOGNIZE THAT THEY WOULD BE MUCH LESS ENERGETIC AND EFFECTIVE WITHOUT THE LEADERSHIP THAT THE RESPECTIVE POSTS HAVE PROVIDED UNDER THE CCP.
- 3. FAR FROM WANTING TO SEE THE VISIT USA PROGRAM UNCLASSIFIED

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DIMINISHED IN AUSTRALIA, WE JOIN THE TRAVEL INDUSTRY HERE IN URGING THE USTS TO REOPEN ITS OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. I FEEL THAT THE CCP CAMPAIGN MANAGER AND POST ACTION OFFICERS HAVE DONE AN EXCELLENT JOB BUT THE EXPERTISE AND SINGLENESS OF PURPOSERHE USTS CAN PROVIDE SHOULD DO COMPLETE JUSTICE TO THE POTENTIAL OF THE AUSTRALIAN MARKET.

4. UNTIL THE TIME THAT USTS CAN REOPEN IN AUSTRALIA, WE PROPOSE TO CONTINUE A HOLDING ACTION, BUT WE FEEL USTS AND THE TRAVEL USA COMMITTEE CAN AND SHOULD CONTRACT FOR LOCAL CLERICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANCE FOR THE NEXT SEMINAR AND FAM TOUR, PERHAPS USING THE PROFITS FROM THE LAST SEMINAR. THIS WOULD FREE POST PERSONNEL FOR OTHER EXPORT PROMOTION ACTIVITIES IN FIELDS WHERE INDUSTRY ADVERTISING AND SELF-PROMOTION ARE LESS PROMINENT AND SUCCESSFUL. DAVIS

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